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DIXIE MEN READY FOR FINAL TEST

HOLLYWOOD STARS ARRIVE
FOR SHOW TODAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Allan Jones Headlines All-Star
Good-Will Presentation On
Parade Grounds

Free Week-End
And Playgrounds
Well Prepared

Dixie Division soldiers tonight get a chance to see in person many stage and screen personalities who heretofore have been only names to them when a group of entertainers from Hollywood and Broadway give an hour-long free program on the parade grounds at 6:30 P.M. The program, one of a series being given at various Army camps throughout the nation by the group on a "goodwill" tour, is to feature five big acts, each of which would be a headliner in vaudeville.

The cast will be headed by Allen Jones, famous Hollywood singer-actor, and will feature other noted entertainers who round out the program.

Among the noted Broadway stars who will appear for the amusement of the Dixie soldiers are Lew Parker, the Broadway comedian protege of Bob Hope; "Ginger" Harmon, the No. 1 jitterbug of the Gay White Way who introduced "Old Man Mose Is Dead;" the George White Scandals star, Collette Lyons, who made "Are You Having Any Fun?" popular; an acrobatic dance team and sister act of two 100-pound beauties, the Margo sisters; and Ruth Clayton, a top young soprano who lends a semi-classical and patriotic punch to the show with her songs.

A preview of what the Dixie Division appearance would be like was given for the Forty-Third Division last night by the troupe.

**Soldiers Compete
For Canned Salmon**

There's no getting around it, those boys of the Regimental Headquarters, 124th Infantry, are just hard to beat-war, bridge, anything, especially bridge. Also, they are going to have that game, come what may.

The acid test came in the field recently. Deep in the woods, on the ground, played the undauntable group. The grand prize—a can of salmon—was won by Master Sgt. Frank Emerling. Aiding in the spoils were Corp. Bailey Roche, Sgt. Richard Peacock, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Govocek and Pvt. Harry Groark.

**Screwball Disturbs
Another Screwball**

The screwball story of the week from the 167th Infantry comes from Company C of that regiment.

This reporter was seeking news in that company street when he observed Pvt. B. W. Howell, company clerk sitting alone, hidden between two tents. The clerk was talking to himself out loud, his voice inflections indicated an interesting conversation. This reporter made the natural inquiry: "What's hell are you doing Howell?" The prompt explanation came back:

"Why I'm talking to myself. I like to talk to an intelligent man and hear an interesting man talk."

**Program Offered
Men On Leave**

Men on leave in Jacksonville, Saturday, June 28, are invited by the Civic Art Institute to attend an entertainment program at 8:30 p.m., which will be presented by Virginia Dell Studio of Dancing, at the Jacksonville WPA Art Center, 311 West Duval Street. Refreshments will be served. All activities at the Art Center are free of charge. Men are invited to bring their dates as there will be informal dancing at the studio after the floor-show.

Last Rites

"Tommy" is dead. No longer will his cute antics entertain the lads of Company E, 167th Infantry. The boys of the company remembered him in fitting style this week, however, when they buried him with full military honors in a private cemetery.

Grief stricken at the loss of his ward, Pvt. Dick Marsh said that nothing could ever take Tommy's place. Pvt. Owen P. Stewart delivered a beautiful sermon over the departed's grave. The company bugler blew "Taps" and a squad fired a salute. Tommy now rests in peace with his ancestors free of trap or rifle bullet.

Tommy was the pet 'Coon of Pvt. Marsh, caught several weeks ago and adopted as Company F's mascot.

**Boys Scrub
With Zest**

A new reason for tent-scrubbing has been found by the men who live with Pfc. Joseph Arceaux, of Co. B, 156th Infantry. When Arceaux came in from a long maneuver on the field, his friends noticed a peculiar smell radiating from the direction of the soldier. Using their noses, they found that it was coming from his pack as they unrolled it the remains of a half broken egg splashed to the floor.

Even though no inspecting officer was coming around the following morning, the tent soon had a clean floor.

"The Hard Way"

"Men of the Thirty-First Division must be in good physical condition to stand the rigors of the field," emphatically declared Major General John C. Persons, Thursday, "and there is only one way to get in condition—the hard way."

The "hard way," he explained, is typified by the "conditioning" march—20 miles daily—which will take the Dixie troops to Ocala National Forest next week.

Final Corps Maneuver Ends For Division

According to reports from Division headquarters, officers have given as much thought to the pleasure of the men over the 72 hour July 4th holiday as they have to how troops will march or be transported from Camp Blanding to Ocala National Forest for twelve day maneuvers. In short the training problem will not be all work and no play for enlisted men.

Col. Henry E. Walden, Division G-1 announced today that 72 hour passes will be given at the discretion of regiments. Those who do not care to go to east and west coast resorts by government convoy. One third will be permitted to go each day, to return by twelve o'clock that night.

Nearby communities have anticipated the influx of soldiers by arranging gala holiday programs. Soldiers are to be paid in the field and with prices scaled to their earnings, all should have a memorable week end.

Daytona Frolic

The city of Daytona, popular summer resort, has gone to great expense to prepare a carnival attractions for service men. The three day frolic starts July 4th with a junk car race on the famous broad sands of the beach. A military parade gets underway at 4:30 and at 5:30 boxing matches will be held in a ring located on the beach. Later in the evening at 8:30 some of the States' fairest maidens will vie

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A FEW SOUND SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR COMING WALKATHON

By Lt.-Col. Henry E. Walden

Here are some little things you can do between now and "H" hour Monday. Attend to your feet—see that athlete's feet has been treated. Trim your toe nails, have at least two pairs of regular issue socks free from dirt and holes. Three pairs would be better. Be sure that your shoes fit you and are well broken in and laced securely at all times. Get all the rest you can this Saturday and Sunday and be sure to retire early Sunday night. Get up with the other men of the Division—eat a breakfast of good wholesome food—avoid if possible food that is too greasy, especially fried food—but eat—to have steam in the boiler you must put coal in the furnace. Don't over eat before a contest. Energy and stamina are built up prior to the march. Eat just enough to take away that empty feeling of hunger. Take a canteen of water which should last you until eleven the end of the morning journey. Use the water sparingly, preferably to moisten your lips and wash out your mouth—but little should be drunk—drink nothing else between now and eleven AM Monday. Noon meal should be light and consist mostly of fruits and lean meats. Greasy fried foods should be avoided. Don't stuff the stomach. When the rest period comes don't do anything else. Drop quickly and rest, this is a "build up period"—don't waste your energy. This rule holds throughout the entire journey—make no exception to it.

The night meal will be the big one. Don't over-eat. Make your bed down and go to sleep—no foolishness, the goal is Ocala, conserve your energy.

Last but not least comes the most important of all the factors involved in winning this goal—get your heart on the victory. Determination to win—to push on when you are almost "all in," will hold you up and pull you through.

Dixie Soldiers Receive Praise For Bravery

Eleven members of Company H, 155th Infantry regiment, were commended this week by Major General John C. Persons, commanding officer of the Dixie Division, for services they rendered fighting a forest fire in Osceola National Forest. In recognition for their work, the men were given a day free of all activity and the eleven specifically mentioned were given a ten day furlough upon application.

In a simple but impressive ceremony, the company heard General Person's commendation. He said in text "The men mentioned by name will be particularly commended for their initiative and courage, which is worthy of the record of their regiment and the 31st Division."

Those who acquitted themselves so bravely at the blaze, which threatened to ruin the central Florida beauty spot are: Sgt. Ralph W. Denton, Corp. Calvin Arnold, Corp. Robert L. Davenport, Pvt. Berhard D. Collison, Russel Van Cannon, Ralph Forest, James Pae, Homer Criswell, Robert E. Barkley and Charlie Clinton. The men operated under the command of 1st Lt. Robert L. Clay and 2nd Lt. W. I. Seal.

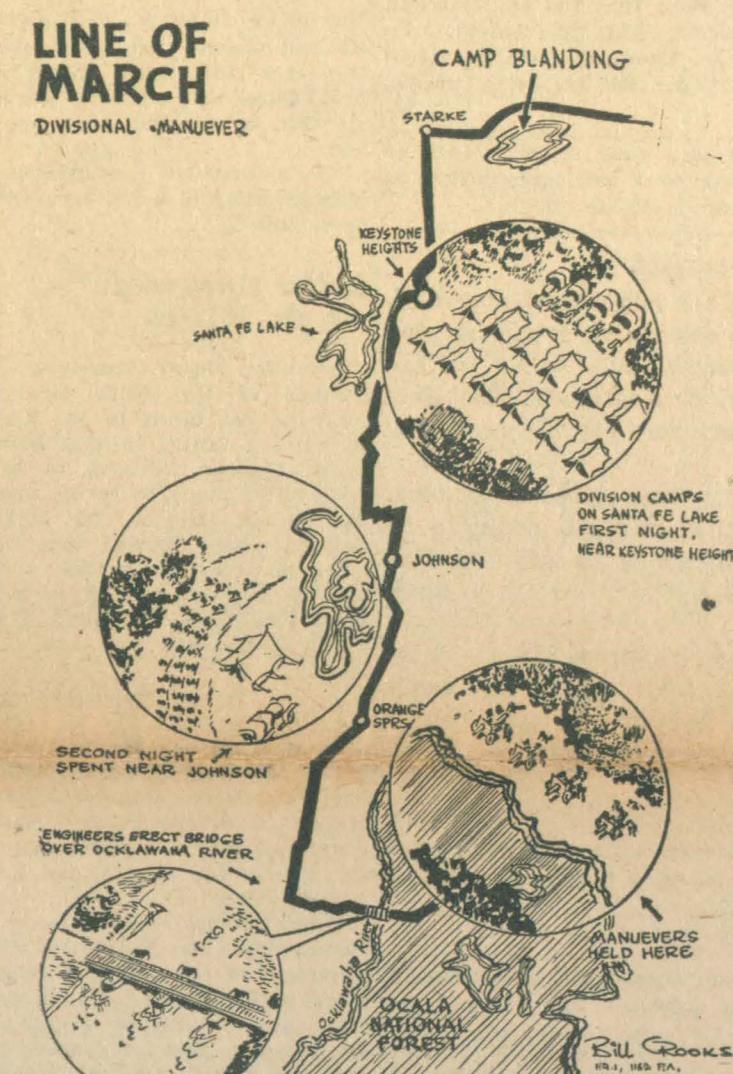
The soldier's work at the fire was brought to the attention of Lt. Col. Birdsong, commanding officer of the regiment, by Frank A. Albert, forest supervisor.

According to Mr. Albert the eleven men were involved in a mopping up operation in a part of the part not often patrolled. The blaze was started by a spark, blown into thick underbrush. The head of the reservation explains the men's action as follows.

"Without waiting command from anyone the above ten soldiers immediately rushed through this brush with what tools they had and started to fight this spot. When I say this required unusual courage and bravery, I speak with assurance of many years of fire fighting. I could vouch that an ordinary, inexperienced fire fighter would not have ventured (Continued on page three)

Former Coach Discusses Ocala Conditioning March

Just A Jaunt



This is the route to be taken when the Dixie Division moves on to Ocala National Park next week. The circles show the three stops to be made by artillerymen and infantry enroute.

Soldiers Give Aid To Injured Civilians

Three members of Company L, 155th Infantry Regiment, gave assistance to six elderly people who were badly shaken up when the car in which they were riding to Jacksonville last Sunday turned over on the slippery pavement. The soldiers, Sgt. Thomas Cochran, Sgt. Jesse A. Garner, and Corp. William D. Wood, all of the McComb unit, were riding behind the car when it suddenly skidded and turned over in a ditch. The trio immediately stopped their car and rushed to the damaged automobile.

A short time later, their clean uniforms spotted by mud, the three non-commissioned officers were on their way to keep their dates in Jacksonville.

First Selected Made Non-Com In 167th

The honor of being the first selected in the 167th Infantry to become a non-commissioned officer goes to Jephtha Pope, Medical Detachment who was promoted to rank of corporal this week.

Corp. Pope was a registered pharmacist prior to induction in February under the selective service act.

"The promotion of Pope is in keeping with the policy of my detachment," Capt. Joseph W. Ford pointed out. "Any selected who demonstrates he has the necessary qualifications stands just as good chance of receiving a rating as do the old men" he explained.

Rolling Litter New In 106th Medical

Among the prize possessions of the 106th Medical Regiment is a rolling litter. This handy outfit takes the place of the old marching litter. New dental equipment has also been added to Colonel A. Mogabag's regiment.

Just Before Battles Begin

What does a soldier do on the field during his spare time before going into a "big battle"?

Before a recent maneuver started for the 106th Engineers, Colonel Harry Hulen solved the problem of entertainment. He had Miss Rose Marie Conway and Miss Laurentia Marwick of Keystone Heights to lead a highly enjoyable songfest. Everybody gathered around a bonfire and you should have seen the boys gang around the girls when they started passing out good-night kisses.

A little folding organ was used as accompaniment for the singers.

Miami Hostelries Offer Low Rates

Dixie Division soldiers and their families will now be able to obtain hotel rooms in the vicinity of greater Miami for the unusually low rates of from 50c to 75c each per day, announced Col. Oswald W. McNeese, division Public Relations officer, this week after a series of conferences with mayors and prominent citizens of both Miami and Miami Beach.

Plans to form a defense recreation area in the vicinity for soldiers were also discussed, Col. McNeese stated. He said that many civic organizations are already welcoming soldier visitors.

Youngest Soldier?

Who is the Army's youngest soldier? Pvt. Sam Lala, of Hq. Co., 156th Infantry, is putting in his claim, having just passed his sixth birthday. No, the Army didn't make a mistake taking him in. Lala was born on Leap Year, February 29, 1916.

Veterinary Present But No Hosses

If you should happen to see Pvt. Wallace Long of the 106th Medical regiment walking around with his nose high in the air, don't blame him for being a bit snooty. The reason can be found by looking at his right arm. On it, in place of the usual red cross worn by the Medicos, there's a small green cross. That's why Pvt. Long can feel a little bit different from the other men of the unit. You see, there's only one other like it in the Dixie Division and that's worn by a lieutenant-colonel of the regiment. In case you didn't know, the green cross is the mark of the veterinary corps which, because there are no animals in the division, inspects meat. The officer is Lt. Col. Archie L. Faulk.

New Chaplain Comes From Virginia To Dixie

Lt. Chas C. West, Chaplain, of South Carolina, reported for duty with the 31st Division Sunday. As yet he has not been assigned to a regiment but is being shown about camp by the junior chaplain of the 167th Infantry, Samuel Hughes, a farmer college class mate.

Simulated Warfare, Simulated Hunting

Men of Company F, 155th Infantry, need never go hungry as long as Lt. Paul Stribling is with them. On a recent field problem, the officer threw a stick at a partridge and stunned it enough so that it fell to the ground. The bird recovered and flew away.

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TO THE NON-COMS

This editorial is directed to the non-commissioned officers of the Dixie Division. The coming week will be your test. Your commander will then learn whether or not you are the man to lead a squad, a platoon or a company. Not only will your endurance be on the platform; you will be up for inspection.

The division is facing its toughest grind in history. There is no doubt of the fact that men are going to be thirsty, hungry and tired. They are going to suffer on this big parade and it is necessary. But it is up to you to carry them.

Not in a physical sense will you support them. Tales have been told about the non-coms who carried other men's packs. There will be instances of this in the 31st. That is not necessary. But you can set them an example. Don't drive—lead.

When the private is being hardened for coming maneuvers, you are being examined as well. The 31st will have a real battle this coming week—not a live enemy but a powerful one—the men of the Dixie Division will have to prove whether they are men or boys.

They will have to fight weariness, disgust and a desire to lie down and forget the entire matter. Make them realize that they are soldiers. Show them they are being led by men who can take it. Give them a mark to shoot at and you'll be surprised at the number who will come through.

We're Southerners. We are just as old as the boys who kept going for four years when they were whipped. There's on thing they never could take away from the man who came from below the Mason Dixon Line—his pride. So stay in front of them, keep them bucked up and they'll follow.

THEATRE MEMO

The following is a list of Feature Attractions showing at the 31st Division Theatre during the coming week. Two performances are available each evening, beginning at 6:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M. Matinees are shown on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 P. M.

SATURDAY, June 21—DOUBLE FEATURE—"Ride, Ten-foot, Ride," featuring Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette. "The Devil Commands," featuring Boris Karloff.

SUNDAY & MODAY, June 29 and 30—"Tin Pan Alley," featuring Alice Faye, Betty Grable, Jack Oakie and John Payne. Also "Good Night Elmer," Merrie Melody and Paramount News.

TUESDAY, July 1—"CONVOY," featuring Clive Brooks and Judy Campbell. Also "Unusual Occupations" R. K. O. Pathé News; and "Bring Himself Back Alive," Animated Antics.

WED. & THURS., July 2 and 3—"This Thing Called Love," featuring Rosalind Russell, Melvyn Douglas and Binnie Barnes. Also "A Village In India," "Fascinating Journey," and Paramount News.

FRIDAY, July 4—"Back Street," featuring Charles Boyer and Margaret Sullivan. Also "Splits, Spares & Strikes," Sports Short "Mouse Meets Lion, Fables Cartoon.

SATURDAY, July 5—DOUBLE FEATURE—"The Fargo Kid," featuring Tim Holt; and "Melody For Three," starring Jean Hersholt as Dr. Christian.

SHOWS IN STARKE

Ritz Theatre
Sunday and Monday—June 29-30—"That Night in Rio" With Alice Faye and Don Ameche.

Tuesday, July 1—"The Monster and the Girl"—with Ellen Drew and Robert Paige.

Wednesday and Thursday, July 2-3—"Sis Hopkins"—with Judy Canova and Bob Crosby.

Friday, July 4—"Pot O' Gold"—with James Stewart and Pauline Goddard.

Saturday, July 5—"Triple Justice"—with George O'Brien and 69th—James Cagney, Pat O'Brien and Virginia Vale. Also "Man Made Justice," Lionel Atwell and Anne with the Range Busters.

Nagel.

Park Theatre

Sunday and Monday, July 29-30—"Little Nancy Kelly" — with Judy Garland and George Murphy.

Tuesday, July 1—"Flying Wild"—with Lee Gorcey and Bob by Jordan.

Wednesday and Thursday, July 2-3—"Escape"—with Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor.

Friday, July 4—"Buck Privates"—with Abbot and Costello.

Saturday, July 5—"Fighting Coagulate."

Letter Answered
As He Writes

Recently Major Cornelius E. Gorman of the 106th Medical regiment sat down to his desk to write a letter. In this letter Major Gorman intended to ask for a little puppy to act as mascot for the Medicos. But Major Gorman never finished that letter. Because even as he was writing it one was handed to him from Mrs. W. P. Bosworth, 4320 South Rocheblave St., New Orleans.

In her letter, Mrs. Bosworth said she was sending a cocker spaniel along to the major in the hope that the Medicos would adopt the canine as its regimental mascot. Mrs. Bosworth doesn't know the half of it. Not only is the spaniel the mascot, but he's a virtual 'general'.

Major Gorman takes the dog everywhere. He rides on the front seat of reconnaissance cars, poses with officers, and is the pride and joy of the regiment. He has been given the name of "General Chip" and he's looked upon as one of the chief officers by the Medicos.

Bee Stings Sergeant But Prefers General

Nature in the raw unleashed her fury upon the 167th Infantry last week in the field, sending her several agents against the unsuspecting troops. The entire regiment, of course, felt the sting of the liquid bullets but the 1st Battalion is Brigade reserve was further victimized. An air division of yellow jackets made life miserable for the reserves for a few minutes. The "enemy" showed no respect for rank for it gained little or no satisfaction from concentrating on Sgt. Andrew Crad, Hq. Det., 1st, Bn., and turned its attention to General Joseph Hutchinson, commanding General of the 62nd Brigade. The general ran into an ambush when he alighted from his reconnaissance car. Both "enemy" and friendly troops were surprised at the agile maneuvering the general displayed in withdrawing from the yellow jacket fire.

Recreation Officer Warns Beach Drivers

A warning from Captain Ben Hudson, 31st Division recreation officer, this week advises soldiers and all others who drive on Ormond Beach to adhere to the signs there and save themselves a lot of grief. He states that it is all too easy to get stuck in the sand, necessitating expensive pulling out. Ormond Beach is north of St. Augustine and the particular type sand there is not the kind to drive on.

Bus Rides For Beer Tickets

No longer will soldiers whose supply of "hard" money is about exhausted be unable to ride the Orange Bus Lines with the announcement this week that tickets on that line may be purchased with canteen checks.

Over The Top—Then To Cover



"Over the fence and don't catch your britches on the barbed wire fence." That was the cry of non-coms as they lead their men over the "top" in a recent field problem.

Lose Their Way, Settle Argument

After driving for an hour in the pitch-black dark with lights blacked out on a recent maneuver, Sgt. John Moore of Company M, 167th Infantry told Corp. Richard Freeze that he thought they were lost. Corp. Freeze in turn advised driver Charles Stuckey that he thought they were lost.

"Let's make it unanimous," Stuckey said, "I know darn well we're lost."

Chaplains March With Their Men

down in Louisiana's 156th Inf., the two chaplains are both "all man," according to the men of Co. D of the regiment. Both the Catholic officer, 2nd Lt. William J. Keown, and the Protestant, 1st Lt. Charles C. West, walked the many, muddy, slushy miles that stopped powerful trucks on the last night of the maneuver along with the boys of the New Orleans company.

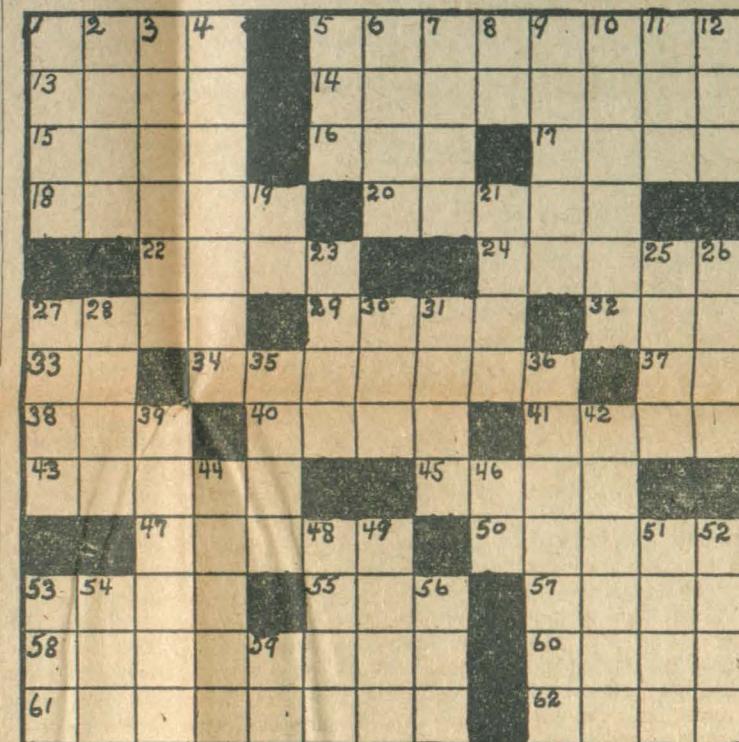
The Dixie will tell the folks back home what you are doing at Camp Blanding. Send it home each week.

Have you received your questionnaire.

Three 117th Soldiers Hurt In Car Wreck

Three members of Battery E, 117th F. A., suffered injuries Sunday when their automobile, returning to camp from a trip to their home in Geneva, Alabama, overturned. The accident occurred between Monticello, Fla., and Thomasville, Ga. The three soldiers, Sgt. Byrd, Pvt. Taze and Pvt. Newsom, were treated for bruises and lacerations.

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This crossword puzzle was contributed for the amusement of the men of the 31st Division by Mr. Lester Keene, St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Keene, a cripple, makes his living devising these brain twisters and deserves the appreciation of every man in the division for his thoughtfulness.

DOWN

- These will be armored in this man's army.
- This is good for what ails you, but is not as strong as castor oil.
- What a soldier's best girl is if she doesn't write him twice a week.
- A great commanding officer whose name suggests people.
- A bit of bla-bla.
- D-O added to 51 spells a swanky Italian seaside resort.
- This guy has written more poetry than Shakespeare, yet nobody knows his name (abbreviation).
- What we think Nazism is (Abbr.)
- This is a ducky lure.
- The way a lover pressed his suit.
- Just a wee drappy.
- What a rookie says when he sees this place for the first time.
- Engineers Union (Abbr.)
- Concept.
- If you can't keep in this your drill sergeant will show you how—or else.
- Navada's unbiting post.
- This fellow has a hard time to keep from being skinned.
- Above.
- You can't see the other side of this without turning over a new leaf.
- A war bird.
- You can't be a sharpshooter if you do this.
- A good soldier under fire will never turn this.
- The one place where all soldiers act alike.
- Tonsil juggling performance.
- A garden implement that is tough on weeds.
- How a non-com feels when he first dons his stripes.
- A soldier's best girl should have plenty of this.
- Coagulate.
- If you sat on a pitch-fork you'd get the point of this.
- Lohengrin's girl friend.
- What the sun does every day.
- A spring of health.
- American League Baseball (Abbr.)
- A compass point (Abbr.)
- If you're on your toes you only have to be in the army a few days to catch this.
- Toward the lee side.
- What a girl likes best, next to herself.
- Boy! When you hear the canons do this it'll be a shootin' war.
- Just potter.
- Those who can do this with all conditions make good soldiers.
- And plenty of this also helps.
- An apple a day keeps the doctor away, but this keeps 'em all away.
- Promises to pay that are rarely redeemed (abbreviations).
- Those who dye to live.
- An order of marching.
- Hitler may now be wild, but Churchill will make him this.
- One of your ABC's.
- How vacations begin.
- Kind of military order.
- How nature started.
- What a good soldier has plenty of.
- Just monkeys.
- If you are ever this you'd better think up a good alibi (Abbr.)
- What we'll do to Hitler if he comes into our front yard.
- Location.
- All you have to do to be president is to get the people like this.
- Some people can't see the woods on account of these.
- Abraham's better half.
- A good soldier will not do this.
- Nor this.
- Parts of a company that are not squads.
- What a bird of a place this is.
- This goes with 41 across.
- Epochs to you.



The writer happened to attend the ceremonies a couple of Saturdays ago when the 106th Engineers said goodbye to a departed buddy, Sergeant J. J. Russell. It wasn't the solemn occasion or the attitude of the men in attendance that struck me, it was the example of the army spirit—the typical soldier farewell.

They carried the thing out in much the same manner the boys in the RAF must do when they throw a glass in the fireplace when a friend doesn't make it back across the channel. He is missed, a thought accompanies him along the way and he is put out of mind.

The soldier must get that attitude. He can't be grieving or giving vent to too much emotion. Those engineers gave a tribute. They heard a personal friend speak, the chaplain gave a short talk and all bowed their heads for a few moments of silence. Several buglers blended into the notes of the Sergeant's last "taps" and all was quiet.

A sharp barked order brought the men to attention. The same bugles joined other instruments in the swing notes of "Beer Barrel Polka" and companies jauntily returned to their streets. This is as such things should be. They weren't forgetful. They are soldiers and the present is all important. Sergeant Russell had received a real tribute—they had been sincere in their compliments and I'm sure every man there had bid him "the best of luck" in his new outfit. There was work to be done and leaves to be had that night. A gloomy mood isn't good for the soldier.

I know Sergeant Russell would have been proud of the way his company swung out to that tune. He, like all soldiers, would appreciate the leave coming up that night.

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As this column is dedicated to rumors, usually unconfirmed, I guess I'll just have to keep on apologizing for mistakes. It seems that there is always enough authentic information floating around in the form of bulletins, orders and memorandums to satisfy the type of person who likes his stuff strictly straight.

So—with a neat little bow and a few mumbled words we notify the 106th Quartermasters and Private First Class Bill Reynolds, 156th Infantry that we're sorry. You see, we said that a gate-crasher won a waltz contest at the Q. M. dance. But he wasn't there without an invite. He was a guest of the 114th Field Artillery band, with which he plays at times and which was the organization playing for the prom.

So now, perhaps, all hard feelings will be erased. In case it still isn't clear—again I say that I'm very sorry.

How can they get away with it? Pvt. J. C. Ownes, Btry. F, 117th F. A. was out with a young Miss the other night—'N they say she wasn't at all bad. The music was too sweet, the night was mellow and she felt the age-old urge. "How'd you like to kiss me," she murmured. He munched his sandwich, eyed her thoughtfully and replied through a group of crumps: "Nope, I just want a drink of water. I'm thirsty." Wow!

Well—there are ways and ways. Sgt. Marvin Jeeter, Hq. Co. 155th Inf., found a sure way of getting a date for his Regimental dance. What's more, he coolly proceeded to make certain that the entire number had a fine time. When asked for a statement by admiring chums, the non-com puffed a cigarette, star gazed a moment before answering, then came forth with the profound statement: "I just wanted to be sure there was someone to dance with."

Selectee Gains
Sergeants Rating

Corporal William E. Kennedy of Company L, of the 124th Infantry here at Camp Blanding who came as a Selectee has been promoted to Acting Supply Sergeant of his company. This is one of the most rapid advancements recorded for a new man.

Nesting Snake Routs
Soldier From Bed

Not many soldiers would give up their bed for a lady, but that's what Pvt. Austin Tully, Headquarters Detachment, 3rd En., 156th Infantry did on a recent maneuver. The men of the Detachment aren't blaming him a bit. You see, the "lady" was a huge water moccasin who had crawled into the warm bed to lay an egg.

Incidentally, until he could find a stick, Pvt. Tully remained out-

side and the snake continued her work inside.

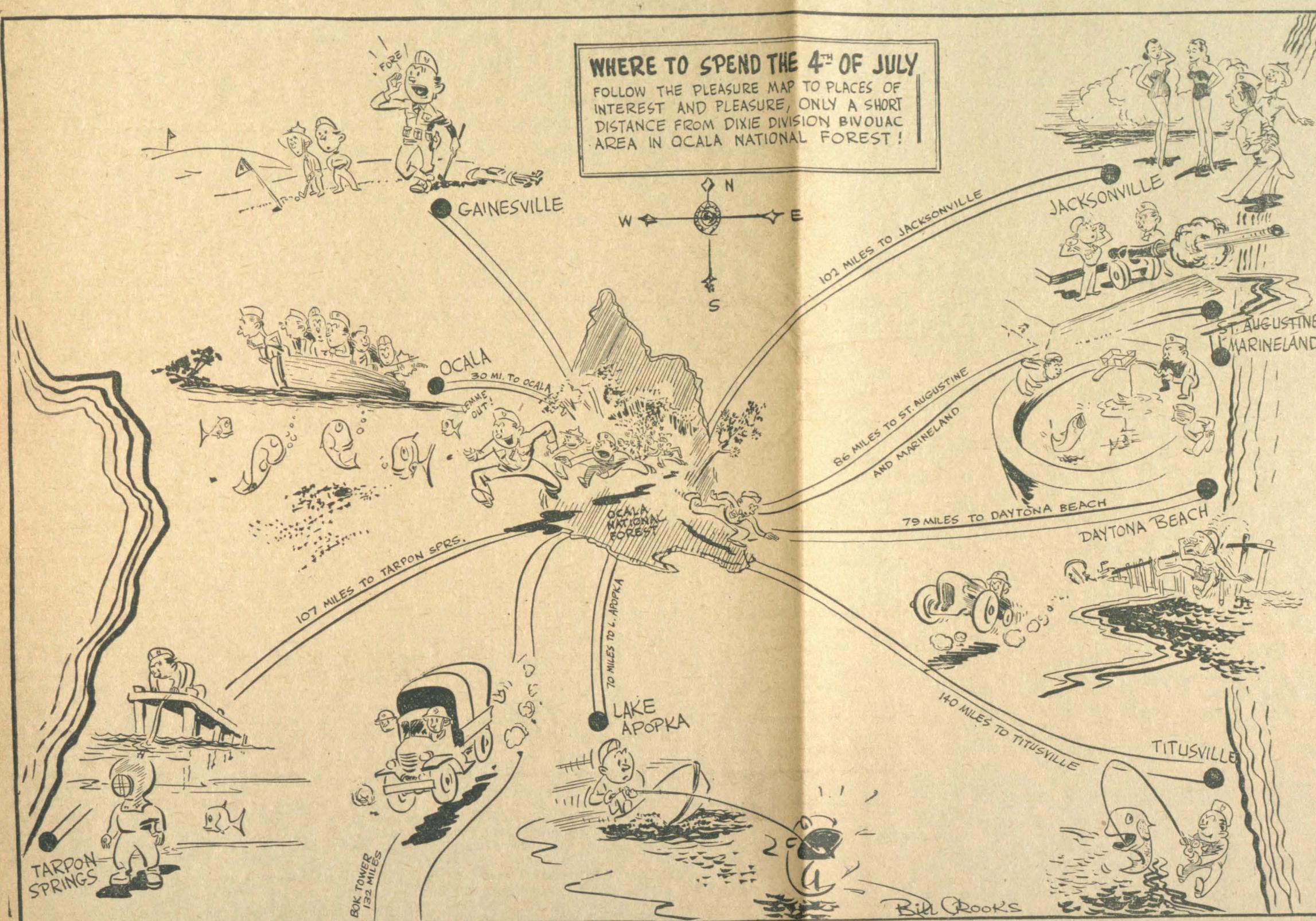
156th Sgt. Retires
After Six Years

After serving six years with the National Guard forces, Sgt. Guy Giroir, Co. B, 156th Inf., has decided to retire from the Army when his term of service expires July 2.

Major Sergeant Is
Sgt. Major (Again!)

Authorities say that there is no such thing as a sergeant major in the present army organization but over in HQ Det. 3rd En., 157th Inf., there is living proof that there is a Sergeant Major in the 156th Infantry. He is Sergeant Major Cheatwood of Birmingham. Just to keep the record straight Major is the Christian name of Major A. Cheatwood and he holds the rank of sergeant.

All Roads Lead To Roamin'



NATIVE OF INDIA SERVES WITH DIXIE TROOPS NOW

Born in far off India, educated there and in this country, Private Edwin W. Simpson of Battery E, 114th Field Artillery, is one soldier who believes in "All out" for the Allies, and is pleased that he was able to volunteer to do his part in our national defense program.

Private Simpson's parents were both missionaries who, although born in Virginia and Mississippi, spent most of their adult lives in the British possession. The Artilleryman was born in Kolhapur and his schooling was administered in more than a few cities in India and the United States. The peripatetic Simpson had some elementary work in India, went to high school in the Bombay Presidency and Wooster, Ohio; and to college at Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, and Wooster, receiving his B. A. degree from the latter institution.

He has taught school at Kodaiakanal and was assistant social secretary and athletic director at the Bombay Y. M. C. A. During his travels in India, Pvt. Simpson learned three native dialects—Mahratti, Tamil and Hindustan; he also knows Latin and French.

Three years ago he returned to this country, doing post graduate work at George Williams College in Chicago and later served as an instructor at the Tennis and Skating Club in Saginaw, Michigan. He returned to his mother's native town of Oxford, Miss., to volunteer in the army, and his mother returned to India to continue her missionary work.

On the northwestern frontier of India, always a trouble spot for the British Empire, Private Simpson was able to observe the work of native and English troops in action against some of the native lawless tribes, and he has a world of respect for their ability. He is well satisfied with his role as a buck private in Uncle Sam's armed forces and is hopeful that he has the opportunity later to work in the field of recreation. A cousin of Private Simpson, Private Harry L. Orr, is attached to the Service Battery, First Battalion of the 114th.

114th Continues Beautification

Following the general beautification trend, the 114th Field Artillery organization this week dressed up the grounds in front of Regimental headquarters. Under the direction of Captain Dewey R. Regan and Sgt. Herbert W. Welch of Battery F a score of soldiers transplanted clods of grassy sod from the Sand Hill Lake area, and also erected a rustic fence.

116th Claims Youngest Officer

Second Lieutenant Julian P. Myrick, of Lakeland, on duty here in the 116th Field Artillery Headquarters Battery (a St. Petersburg unit) is believed to be the youngest officer in the 31st (Dixie) Division. He is 21 years old.

Lt. Myrick was born August 9, 1919, and was graduated from Auburn College in the spring of 1940. He was in the Officers Reserve Corps and was activated October 4, 1940, just 58 days after his 21st birthday.

Suggestion

Carrying extra packages of cigarettes in the empty ammunition pouches of a web belt is not new by any means, but seeing Private Clyde R. Hall, a chauffeur from car company F, 106th Quartermaster, do this on a recent exercise reminds us to pass this information on to new comers.

Cobbler Turned Healer From Civil To Military

Have you a broken bone, perhaps a nose, a leg, an arm or a foot with the arches very depressed and fallen down? If you have, Uncle Sam's hospital at Camp Blanding can still fit you with something that will correct the flaw and be comfortable while doing it.

Not quite six months ago a shoe-maker merrily made shoes and repaired shoes and did the run-of-the-mill work that came his way in Birmingham, Alabama. He was a young man, very sturdy and not at all frail in any way. In fact, he was subject to the

Came the day of his induction, right along with the first men taken for the army by selective service. He was sent immediately to the reception center at Camp Blanding and from there was assigned to the Fourth Army Corps Troops, contingents of the regular army. Needing men for the base hospital, the medical detachment drew this particular selectee and learning of his ability as a shoe-maker placed him in the orthopedic ward. (Don't be alarmed, this is where they fix up your feet).

Here, with an assistant, Private First Class George Gollaskas, a year in the army at Fort Benning, Ga., the selectee works full time, and is seldom given a breathing spell, on braces of all kinds. He has been given a rating of corporal and incidentally his name is Richard Mickwee.

For men who have bad feet and fallen arches, he has the balm it takes to bring comfort, in the form of ability with his cobbler tools; making pads, supporting belts, air-plane splints for bad arm breaks, frames and braces for broken noses and any other ailment of the limbs and especially the feet.

"He Who Sitteth" It Still Goes

Tech. Sgt. David E. Buckley, Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry regiment of Vicksburg came very near to eating most of his meals standing up during maneuvers this week.

The Sgt. thought the boys had missed a good place to eat when they passed a harmless looking box near a farm house, so the husky non-com sat down to enjoy his meal in comfort. A few minutes later he heard a buzzing sound in the box. One of his buddies near-by saw danger ahead for Buckley so yelled to him, "evacuate the place" or he would be stung by bees. It seems he had chosen a beehive as a place to sit.

Final Corps

(Continued from page one) day morning the Division shuttled its forces to a four mile long line running southeast by northwest along Green Creek, near road 48 several miles west of Blanding. The movement Tuesday was via Starke, Keystone Heights, and Gold Head Branch State Park. The enemy was checked in its advance Tuesday and a successful attack was made on the enemy's right flank beginning at six o'clock Wednesday morning, and the problem was concluded. All manpower and equipment was back in Camp by noon.

The four Corps supervised problems, the alert and the weekly field exercises for the past three weeks, have brought the Division to the point of fitness to stage the hardest exercise the 12-day trip to Ocala National Forest commencing Monday.

Happy Sergeant; Regains Hearing

To First Sergeant Wiley Inabinette, Battery F, 117th Field Artillery, the world was humming with activity, each sound pleasant to hear. The sergeant's hearing had been restored to normal after having spent nearly a week partially deaf, due to the effect his battery's firing seventy-five MM guns had on his hearing. Sergeant Inabinette was returning from the camp hospital, leisurely walking along the shoulder of the road, when suddenly there came to him, from behind, a loud roaring noise bearing swiftly down upon him. Without taking time to see what was making the loud noise the startled sergeant dived unceremoniously into the protecting depths of the ditch beside the road. Arising slowly and sheepishly from the ground sergeant Inabinette brushed the dirt from his clothing as he watched the army truck roll on from view.

Everyone has a story to tell of his romances but the one that beats them all is attributed to corporal Alfred Nye. It seems that on his recent visit to Fort Myers, his girl friend of the past two years came by to see him. With her was a salesman, and the two were enroute to a preacher to be married. Corporal Nye is back in camp now, a much sadder and wiser youth. There's no fury like a soldier scorned.

Story Of Romance Tops Them All

The song? God Bless America!

Itch? Irritated? -- Well, Here's How

Demonstrating a scientific treatment which will cleanse human bodies infested by red bugs, Sgt. "Moto" Heath of Company E, 167th Infantry, endeared himself to soldiers of the Dixie Division Thursday.

Using himself as a guinea pig in a special test held for the benefit of visiting press correspondents, Sgt. Heath explained his formula.

First he donned a suit of long woolen underwear, wool breeches, wool shirt, socks and shoes.

Indicating the most important part of the treatment the sergeant put on an overcoat and added full pack to his paraphernalia. Then shouldering an M-1 rifle and striding off down the company street, Sgt. Heath said his equipment was complete.

"Now the important part of the treatment is the application," Sgt. Heath explained. "You must walk up and down for several hours much like walking pack duty. The more you walk the more effective is the treatment."

Sgt. Heath explained the finer scientific points of his cure in pointing out that the saline contained in the perspiration resulting from the treatment killed the red bugs and healed the bites.

High Morale Shown By Men

Officers of Co. D, 156th Infantry are boasting of high morale shown by soldiers of that unit on a recent maneuver.

The men marched into the bivouac area in a driving rain after a long hike. There was no griping when they were ordered to pitch tents and bunk on the wet ground. A few minutes later they were called to mess, still in the middle of a downpour, and issued cold, soggy sandwiches, their only meal of the day. Spirits were low until suddenly one of the men started to sing. Faces lighted and soon every man of the company was joining in the sonorous swing of the melody.

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Wealthy Private Makes More Than General

And here's one for Ripley—since induction into Uncle Sam's army, Private Tommy Gomez, up and coming young fighter of the 116th Medical Detachment, has made more money than a Major General earns in the same length of time.

Dixie Soldiers

(Continued from page one) into this dense undergrowth because of the very real danger of losing his life. These men, without consideration of their own safety, fought their way through this brush and reached the fire, five going one way and five the other. They fought the fire to a stand still until our forest guard who was in charge of this operation came through with water equipment and additional soldiers, at which time the fire was completely extinguished.

I commend these troops to your consideration for some expression of appreciation for their very valuable services and exhibition of courage and cool-headedness that I believe makes a good soldier.

It is action of this kind on the part of our armed forces that strengthens our faith in our army and builds up a spirit and belief that men with courage and skill of that kind cannot be beaten."

Plane Snaps Picture, Returns Photograph

Taking an aerial photograph of a motor column of the 167th Infantry moving to the front, an observation plane of the Conn. National Guard dropped a developed print of the picture in headquarters of the Red Army within seven minutes after it was taken this week in the field, according to Sgt. Harold Carpenter of Company F, 167th Inf. Company F was a part of the Red Army.

Twenty minutes later the sergeant said the truck concentration had been bombed.

The picture clearly showed a column of trucks halted before a long wooden bridge, according to the sergeant's description.

Sun-Dial And Liberty Bell Adorn Co. Area

All over Camp Blanding are seen, distinctive company streets, but it is the opinion of many that the most unique set-up of all can be found at Company A of the 106th Medical Regiment. Here there is not only an accurate home-made sun-dial, but a "1776 Liberty Bell" that even has the famous crack in it. Add to the clear white sundial and the ringing bell, neat fences and lettering with shells, and you have a colorful scene. The bell is an 1866 model, was found on the camp grounds, and the boys of "A" say they will ring it at every victory during maneuvers.

Free Week-End

(Continued from page one) for honors in a beauty contest. A giant fireworks display at 9:30 will climax the day's activities.

Saturday is to be known as Camp Blanding Day. A special aero and military review has been arranged for the morning. After a day of swimming in the surf, soldiers may take part in a community sing and vaudeville show at 7:30 and a half hour later see an all-star baseball game in the municipal baseball park. At 10 p. m. it will be "swing your partners" at street dance to be held on the boardwalk. A hillbilly band will provide music.

Jacksonville Beach

Jacksonville Beach, one of north Florida's great attractions will be at the height of its season on July 4th. Rides, side shows and novelty booths will be in full swing when soldiers invade the city.

Three dances have come to the attention of the DIXIE up to press time. A grand ball is to be held at the George Washington Hotel. The Mayflower Hotel Roof Garden will be the scene of a dance sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The Army and Navy Locker Club will hold its dance at 225 Adams street.

Ocala—Silver Springs

Silver Springs, one of Florida's great attractions located near Ocala's business section, is only a few miles from the division's bivouac area. Here men may see a fairy land under crystal water from glass bottom boats. The program to be held in Ocala for soldiers has not been announced yet.

St. Augustine

Soldiers will be able to combine two attractions if they go to St. Augustine. A few miles south is the famous aquarium, one of the most educational and interesting exhibits in the state. The funny display includes fish ranging in size from a few inches to large porpoises who jump into the air to take fish from an attendant's hand.

Stressing the fact that everything in that city would be free, Bob Bostwick, general chairman of the Jaycees, stated that all events and other program features scheduled for the day would be open to soldiers and their families.

As planned, the day is full of entertainment for the soldier. A baby contest at 10:30 a. m. in the Plaza will start the ball rolling, followed by a baby carriage float parade. At 2 p. m., a Matanzas Bay sailboat regatta will take over the spotlight and at 3:30 p. m. on St. Augustine Beach athletic contests are scheduled to be held. Daylight fireworks will follow there at 4:30 p. m.

Lt. Gen. Albert H. Blanding is to speak at the foot of the Bridge of Lions at 7:30 p. m. and fireworks from across the bay will close the day's activities.

Reporter Forsakes Journalism Ethics

This story is written to ransom the writer's life.

Tuesday afternoon Lt. Wright Ross, S-2 of the 167th Infantry ordered a motor patrol to reconnoiter behind the enemy lines. This reporter thought a good story might lie therein so he accompanied the patrol led by Lt. Cecil Vernon Manasco of Co. M.

With Pvt. John B. Hutchinson, Hollis Robinson, Robert Eyer and "Wild Man" Chas. Stuckey, all of Co. M driving the four weapons carriers the patrol speeded a little under 60 miles per hour along the twin-ribbon trails that wound between trees, farmers' barnyards and over numerous bridges.

Each time Wild Man took a curve he would turn his head and yell, "you gonna put my name in the paper?" Grimly shaking his head this reporter remembered the ethics of his profession—never allow coercion to influence you.

After the rear of the truck had lashed about like a snake's tail for several miles this scribe decided that even a compromised journalist was better than a dead one—so here is the story that saved his life.

Horror Stories Cause Nightmares

Reading horror stories on maneuvers, where lights can't very well be switched on, has its drawbacks, according to two soldiers of the 124th Infantry.

The pair, after retiring for the night from their camp-fire reading place, both suffered nightmares.

The first merely jumped straight into the air shouting. The second was more specific about the thing he shouted: "stop trucks!" quite loudly and equally distinctly. His was a dream of being pursued by a convoy of trucks.

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Hobby Proves Profitable To 155th Corporal

The story of how Corp. John C. Lawrence of Company B, 155th Infantry Regiment, took up song writing as a hobby, is one built on the theme of determination and love of music.

Corp. Lawrence's outstanding work to date is his "Dixie March" which is dedicated to Maj. General John C. Persons, officers and enlisted men of the 31st Division. The march is the latest written for Dixie troops. Director Don Eagan of the 124th Infantry Band is rehearsing the selection and will present it in an early program.

The twenty-one year old soldier has always liked music. He claims that he "made up" a piece when he was thirteen years old, but he adds, "people said it was so bad that they wouldn't write notes down for me. This made me mad, so I decided I would learn to write my own music."

Corp. Lawrence has never taken a music lesson in his life, yet he has won the National Search for Music contest, sponsored by Radio Guild Magazine. He claims that he "earned \$200 for only a few minutes work."

"I first entered music via a \$2.00 ukulele. Later I graduated to a tuba. I just naturally picked up piano playing along with my music writing. If all goes well,"

he continued, "I hope to make music my profession."

Lawrence chuckles when he tells how he practiced popular music on the church piano. He adds: "I guess it wasn't a great sin after all, because the Rev. Stewart Henry, pastor of the church, encouraged my work." Many of these arrangements were used by the orchestra he helped direct.

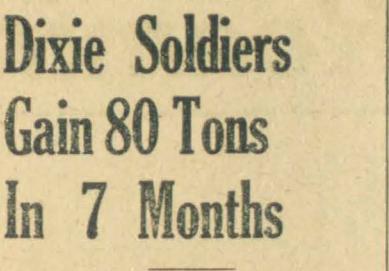
More Natural Lights Used

On a blackout convoy one night during a recent field exercise, Private William Myers, of Special Troops Headquarters Company made driving easier by placing a short, decayed oak log on the rear of the vehicle ahead of him. How did this help? The small log was covered with fox fire, plainly marking the course of travel.

155th Holds Dance

A dance, the first of the regiment to be held since mobilization was the pleasant climax to a week of field maneuvers for 300 men of the 155th Infantry regiment Friday evening in the 31st Division Service Club.

More than 100 young ladies from nearby communities were partners for men from the Magnolia State. Many men had partners from Mississippi. Music for the affair was provided by the 155th Infantry swing band. The dance was under the direction of Lt. George R. Donovan, recreation officer for the regiment.



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According to Major Rushing it costs \$35,000 a month to feed Mississippi marchers. His greatest problem, he explains, is to see that all get enough to eat, and to make sure there is no waste.

These figures give an idea of the bulk amount of food received on a recent Sunday. Men ate 1407 pounds of fried chicken, 470 pounds of bacon, 258 pounds of butter, 147 pound loaves of bread, 2348 half pints of milk, 704 pounds of carrots, 1878 lbs. of sugar, 282 cooking eggs, 2348 breakfast eggs and 423 pounds of flour.

Oldest Non-Com Will Not Re-Enlist

Company B of the 156th Inf. lost one of its oldest non-commissioned officers June 19 when Sergeant Murphy M. Simmons left the army on the expiration of the term of his enlistment. Sgt. Simmons has been with the Louisiana unit seven years.

He will return to his home town immediately after discharge.

A Giant At Work

Dixie Soldiers Gain 80 Tons In 7 Months

If it were possible to weigh 20,000 men of the Dixie Division on a giant scale, the machine would show troops had gained more than eighty tons since mobilization seven months ago. This weight equally distributed, indicates an average gain of about eight pounds per man.

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